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MUDA files go...

MISSING!

Hinders probe; public services come to a halt

The record room inside the MUDA Office where entry is gained only after authorisation.

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BCT)- The inquiry committee members stationed at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office who are investigating irregularities in plot distribution under the 50:50 ratio scheme and various other scams are encountering a significant hurdle — original records and files are missing from the MUDA record rooms.

The four-member inquiry committee led by R. Venkatachalapathi, Commissioner of Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning, began the investigation in the first week of July. During this process, they have sought files regarding site allotment from the MUDA Commissioner and section officers.

However, during a search of the record rooms, the staff working under the inquiry committee discovered that many original land records, transfer documents and allotment records — especially those related to the 50:50 ratio — have gone missing.

Files found with pages torn off

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that even within the available files, records have been tampered with and pages have been torn off. So much so that letters written by the Government Under Secretary containing negative opinions regarding the site allotment have been removed from the files to mask Government orders.

(See MISSING on page 7)

City Police re-launch Foot Patrolling

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BCT)- The foot patrol or beat Police system has been around as long as modern-day policing itself. However, the system of motorised patrols has become more popular due to their perceived efficiency.

The Mysuru City Police have re-launched the foot patrolling system, where officers and staff from respective Police Stations walk near parks, deserted areas, shopping centres and semi-urban areas in Mysuru to increase visibility and curb crime.

A foot patrolling drive was launched on July 7 from 6 pm to 9 pm across the city, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, involving ACPs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, ASIs, Head Constables and Constables.

"Foot patrols increase Police visibility in busy areas, enhance our citizens' feeling of safety, and build bridges between citizens and Police. Beat officers and staff have an intimate knowledge of their area, often knowing shopkeepers and regulars by name," Muthuraj told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

"We also interact with citizens and respond to calls for service within their area. With this, the Police can identify suspects due to the extensive knowledge base they develop while on foot patrol," Muthuraj added.

(See PATROLLING on page 7)

Policemen walking near a park at a residential locality to increase visibility and curb crime.

To Our Readers

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 9th July 2024

Wins medals in State-level Swimming Championship

Mysuru, July 9- Mohammed Arman Sameer, A Grade 6 student of Kautilya Vidyalaya, has bagged 2 medals in Karanataka NRJ Junior and Sub-Junior Championship held from July 4 at Basavanagudi Aquatics, Bengaluru.

Gold medal in Breaststroke 50m with the timing of 41.69 sec and silver medal in 100m Breaststroke with the timing of 1:31:68.

He is selected for Nationals in both the categories. Nationals will be held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, to be held from Aug. 6 to 12.

He is practising in BSRC Pool Chamundivihar Stadium, Mysuru, under Coach V. Pranav.

Mohammed Arman Sameer is the son of M.N. Sameer Ahmed and Misbah Amreen, residents of Udayagiri, Mysuru.

Mohammed Arman Sameer is seen with his coach V. Pranav.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

OUR MIND IS OUR BEST FRIEND AND GREATEST ENEMY: ***'Your progress in life is in your hands. You must not go down the path of ruin. You are your greatest friend and your greatest enemy too' says the Bhagavad Gita in its sixth Dhyanayoga chapter. Behind this statement lies the very foundation of human psychology. The human intellect*** *(buddhi)* ***receives the various external stimuli and sends the appropriate signals to the mind*** *(manas)* ***to act upon these sensory inputs. To pay heed to the intellect and act accordingly is in man's hands.***

When the mind acts as per the dictates of the intellect, it helps in his progress and does him good. When the mind overpowers the intellect and disobeys it, as is often the case, it is a sign of discordance and causes trouble, leading to man's downslide and even eventual ruin. The irony here, as revered Swami Chinmayananda says is that man is aware of what is good and what is prohibited, but he still persists in doing the wrong. This gap between the 'ideal I' and the 'actual I' is what leads to man's downfall.

It is like a sort of split personality, the first being the perfect, idealised state which everyone secretly desires deep down in their subconscious minds and the second, their actual state in which they live, obviously influenced by external existential factors. It is this issue that needs to be addressed. Unfortunately, many people are not even aware of this. Thus it becomes clear that the mind must be brought under control, under the strict supervision of the intellect, to gradually rid it of its baser, animal instincts and raise it to higher levels of consciousness. This is the ultimate aim of all religions, to make man a better human being by gradually polishing his inner personality. This gradual and difficult process must be followed by every person desirous of improving his lot.

No God, no preceptor, no religious texts, no rituals, no dogma can achieve this. "To each his own" as the saying goes! It is the effort that matters. "Introspect, identify your undesirable traits, jettison them and infuse positive qualities," says the Gita. In this way, our mind is our best friend when it harkens to the call of the inner voice and also our worst enemy when it ignores it. 'Don't consciously hasten your downfall, don't blame others, try to elevate yourself" is the eternal, timeless message of the Gita.

—Mirle Karthik in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist uses eye sockets to break records

Milan: A man who works as a sideshow artist in Las Vegas broke a pair of eye-popping Guinness World Records using the strength of his eye sockets.

Andrew Stanton appeared on television series Lo Show Dei Record in Milan and took on the records for the heaviest weight pulled with eye sockets and the heaviest weight lifted with both eye sockets while swallowing a sword.

He became the first holder of the second title by swallowing his sword and using the hooks in his eye sockets to lift his 129.63-pound assistant.

For the first title, Stanton attached large metal hooks to his eye sockets and used them to pull a Cadillac and driver -- totaling 5,319.75 pounds -- across the TV show's stage.

Bizarre half-cut tree becomes tourist attraction

Waterthorpe: A tree chopped in half by an angry retired couple in a bitter boundary feud has since become an unlikely tourist attraction – and even has Google reviews.

Bharat Mistry was left gutted in 2021 when Irene and Graham Lee sliced half the branches off the 16ft tree that had stood outside their homes for 25 years.

The drastic action came after a year-long dispute between Mistry and the Lees, both in their 70s, in the leafy Sheffield suburb of Waterthorpe.

Three years on, locals say rubberneckers still visit the quiet cul-de-sac – where houses sell for around 2,20,000 pounds – for a good look at the tree, which is still cut in half. It has even been tagged as a tourist attraction on Google Maps and visitors have left reviews.

One reviewer – who left a three star rating – wrote: "Interesting tree that was cut in half due to a feud between the two neighbours.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Some individuals develop an allergy to the sun, causing hives and severely itchy, bumpy skin.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatology & Cosmetologist
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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WIMBLEDON

TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 9)

MEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER FINALS

(1) J. Sinner **Vs** (5) D. Medvedev	**6.00 pm**
(3) C. Alcaraz Garfia **Vs** (12) T. Paul	**6.45 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER FINALS

L. Radovcic **Vs** D. Vekic	**5.30 pm**
(7) J. Paolini **Vs** (19) E. Navarro	**8.00 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER FINALS

(4) K. Siniakova/T. Townsend **Vs** (9) L. Kichenok/J.Ostapenko	**4.30 pm**
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REALLY...?

- ***Bottlenose dolphins are the only other species to have names for themselves.***
- ***The first animals to travel to outer space were fruit flies.***
- ***Bees can fly higher than Mount Everest.***
- ***Giraffe tongues can be 20 inches long.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Jason: *No, what would I do with one slipper, I continued singing till he threw the other one too !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.48**
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VOICE OF THE READER

High Property Tax but low standard roads

MCC's landline number 0821-2418800 is always busy

Sir,

I am a resident of Ittigegud and have witnessed numerous complaints regarding road conditions and traffic issues, yet no action has been taken by the Mysore City Corporation (MCC) or the Traffic Police. Despite the increase in stamp duty on property taxes, the roads remain in a deplorable state.

Every day, someone either slips or falls at the end of 4th Cross Road due to a large manhole that has been exposed since a pipeline was laid four months ago. The problem doesn't end there; the main road, used by thousands of vehicles daily, is also in terrible condition.

It has been over four months since the pipeline was laid, and the roads have yet to be asphalted. Who is responsible for this? Despite numerous complaints to the MCC, there has been no response or indication of when these roads will be repaired.

Whether or not there is a Corporator, the MCC must ultimately complete the job. The entire city of Mysore is plagued with bad roads and potholes, yet none of the elected representatives seem to care.

Additionally, when we try to call the MCC's landline number (0821-2418800), it is always busy. Whether this is done intentionally or not is left to the readers to decide. Why do we, the residents of Mysuru, need the MCC if they cannot perform their duties? Is it time to consider involving private organisations?

All we, the citizens of Ittigegud, want are proper roads. But even this isn't a priority for the MCC. We request that the MCC and our elected representatives take responsibility and ensure that all roads are in a motorable state.

— Rajat Jain

Mysuru 13.7.2024

Reading of 'Satyavanne Heluttene' held in city

Directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa

Mysuru, July 9 (PM&VNS)- 'Satyavanne Heluttene' (I will speak only the truth), the Kannada play written and directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa is all set be staged from September, later this year. As a preparatory exercise, the reading of the new play was taken up under the programme 'Charitreya Utkhanana' with the title 'Hosa Nataka Kelalu Banni' at a hotel on JLB Road, here yesterday.

Addanda C. Cariappa read out the play much to the delight of the audience who appreciated the play written by the director.

Addressing the gathering Cariappa said that, it was not common to invite people to be a part of reading the play. "However, we have been organising similar events for the past two years since the staging of the play 'Karineera Veera'. Such events help in obtaining feedback from the audience before staging the play," he added.

Stating that the play 'Satyavanne Heluttene' would unearth few of the hidden truths, Cariappa said that he was using the title which was commonly used in the Courts of Law.

The play will feature characters of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Veer Savarkar in the main leads.

"The play, apart from examining the authenticity of various topics being discussed in social media, has been authored after thoroughly researching about 42 books. There are relevant proofs for the conversations of the play", said Cariappa, who added that he had purposefully added the word 'Utkhanana' (excavation) as the play was result of deep research. It has a total of 12 scenes and the process of selecting artistes will be held in August and staging of the play from September, after a month-long training.

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Aadithya Adhikari Hospital Director Dr. Chandrashekar, writer Prof. Chandrashekar, Hotelier Satish, Sculptor Manjunath, Praveen Kumar Mavinakadu, Advocate Smitha, Social Worker Gopinath, Madhu Shankar of Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP), Anitha Cariappa and others were present.

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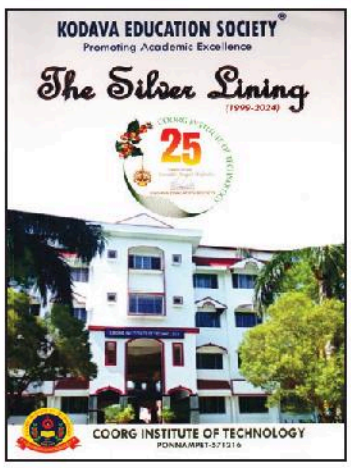
Souvenir to mark Coorg Institute of Technology's Silver Jubilee



Mysuru, July 9 (VNS)- Kodava Education Society has released a souvenir titled 'The Silver Lining (1999-2024)' to commemorate the silver jubilee celebrations of the Coorg Institute of Technology in Ponnampet, Kodagu district.

The souvenir features messages from various VVIPs and dignitaries, including Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who has extended his best wishes to the management, students and the souvenir team.

Other notable messages include those from the Minister for Higher Education Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Vice Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar, former Kodava Education Society President C.P. Belliappa (who served from 2007 to 2022), current Society President Dr. M.C. Kariappa, Hon. Secretary C.P. Rakesh Poovaiah, Founding Principal Prof. Chaluve Gowda, Principal Dr. M. Basavaraj and various alumni.

The Coorg Institute of Technology, established in 1999, has been a boon not only to the youths of Kodagu but also to engineering aspirants across the State. The souvenir acknowledges the contributions of Executive Committee members from 1997 to the present and philanthropists who aided establishment of engineering college over the past two-and-a-half decades. Additionally, the souvenir highlights academic and sports achievements of students and ialumni who have made a mark in various fields.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar tomorrow

'Snehasinchana', a Pratibha Puraskar programme for honouring meritorious students of Sri Nataraja Women's PU College who scored high marks in PUC, will be held at Sri Nataraja Sabha Bhavan in the college premises, Khille Mohalla tomorrow (July 10) at 10.30 am. Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidanandaswamiji will grace the occasion. IFS officer P.A. Seema, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Hunsur, will inaugurate the programme, while MLA T.S. Srivatsa will present Pratibha Puraskar. Nataraja Prathistana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa will preside, according to a press release.

Horticulture Mela - 2024

The College of Horticulture, Yelwal, Mysuru, has organised "Horticulture Mela - 2024" on July 10 from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm at Aralkuppe village in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district. The event features participation from agriculture and allied departments as well as private companies. The mela aims to showcase advancements, innovations and products in the agricultural and horticultural sectors, with an emphasis on sustainable practices and technological innovations. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970413 or 2973414.

Free Cancer screening camp

City's Preethi Centre for Oncology has organised a free Cancer screening camp at its premises located at No. 873, Vanivilas Road (M.G. Road), Lakshmipuram, from 10 am to 8 pm on July 11. Patients suffering from unhealed wounds, bleeding, swelling, difficulty in swallowing, throat infection etc., can attend the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

'Vaidyashri' award on July 13

As part of World Doctors Day, six doctors who have an excellent service record, will be presented with 'Vaidyashri' award at a programme organised under the aegis of Anveshana Seva Trust at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 10.30 am on July 13. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will inaugurate the programme, while AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi will preside over and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will confer the award to achiever doctors, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 94484-02092.

Online dating fraud: Kodagu Police arrest 8-member gang

Madikeri, July 9 (VNS)- Kushalnagar Police in Kodagu have arrested an eight-member gang, including a juvenile offender, allegedly involved in cheating the public through an online dating app in Bengaluru.

The accused, all natives of Hassan district, have been identified as Manjunath (29), a resident of Sullakki village in Sakaleshpur; C.S. Sandeep Kumar (25); C.B. Rakesh (24); K. Jayalakshmi (29), residents of Chikkasathigala village; S. Sahana (19); Pallavi (30), residents of Ramanagara village in Belur taluk; Abhishek (24), a resident of Heragu village; and a juvenile whose identity has been kept confidential.

The Police have recovered 17 mobile phones, a tablet, a laptop, and Rs. 24,800 in cash from the accused.

The gang allegedly advertised the availability of women for sexual favours on the 'Locanto' app, providing mobile numbers and asking customers to come to prestigious hotels in various cities, where they would cheat them by collecting prior online payments.

Details of the case

Manju, a resident of Baichanahalli in Kushalnagar, came across an advertisement on the app that read, 'Kushalnagar top model service available, Kushalnagar-23' and a mobile phone number was mentioned. Upon contacting the mobile number, the person who answered identified himself as the 'manager' of a reputed hotel in Kushalnagar, claiming that the lodge had women masseurs providing sexual favours and massages.

The 'manager' informed Manju that the lodge charged Rs. 1,500 per hour and Rs. 4,000 for the night. He asked Manju to pay the amount online, promising to arrange call girls and even sent photographs of a few women through WhatsApp. Believing him, Manju transferred Rs. 1,500 via G-pay.

When Manju contacted the number again, the person asked him to come to the hotel and share details of his location and the colour of his shirt and pants. He also requested more money to provide the services.

Growing suspicious, Manju visited the hotel that had been mentioned in the app and enquired about the service, only to discover that the hotel authorities knew nothing about such activities. The hotel staff told him that many others who had been similarly deceived had come to the hotel seeking service.

Manju later filed a complaint at Kushalnagar Police Station on June 29. Based on his complaint, a special team was formed under the supervision of Somwarpet Dy.SP R.V. Gangadharappa, involving Kushalnagar Circle Police Inspector B.G. Prakash, Sub-Inspectors H.V. Chandrashekar, H.T. Geetha, and technical and crime staff. The team successfully cracked the racket, arresting the accused in Bengaluru on July 6.

Kodagu SP K. Ramarajan told media persons that the gang had cheated people out of over Rs. 3 lakh in the name of elite hotels in various districts. The Police have urged people not to fall prey to such online traps and to inform the nearest Police station or call 112 if lodges, homestays, or resorts are involved in any human trafficking, flesh trade and other illegal activities.

Pro-Kannada activist Thayur Vittalamurthy passes away

Thayur Vittalamurthy

Mysuru, July 9- Thayur Vittalamurthy (81), pro-Kannada activist and a resident of Agrahara, passed away following a heart attack in the wee hours of today in city.

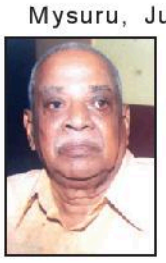
He was the President of city's Krishnarajendra Co-operative Bank (K.R. Co-operative Bank), Editor of Kannada fortnightly newspaper 'Kannada Hirime' and Hon. General Secretary of Mysuru District Private Bus Owners' Association. He was also the recepient of the District Kannada Rajyotsava Award.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place Thayur this afternoon, according to sources.

Obituary

R. Ashwathnarayana



Mysuru, July 9- R. Ashwathnarayana (84), Secretary of Sri Ramalingeshwara Temple on K.T. Street and a resident of Bannimantap, passed away following age related ailments in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, four children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap this evening, according to family sources.

Sonam Palden

Hunsur: Sonam Palden (31) of Special Frontier Force (SFF), passed away while on duty due to heart attack on July 5.

He leaves behind his parents, brother, wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held yesterday at Gurupura, according to sources.

Drive against bright headlights

381 cases registered in city; 91 in district

Mysuru, July 9 (BLU&KS)- Police, who are acting tough on vehicles with bright LED headlights which are blinding other motorists leading to accidents, some times fatal, are conducting drives against such bright headlights across the district.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Training, Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar, who has shared the information on his 'X' account has stated that, the Police have registered 381 cases in Mysuru city and 91 cases in the district against motorists who had installed bright headlights to their vehicles.

The Police had banned installation of bright headlights to vehicles, as they used to blind the vision of motorists coming in the opposite direction leading to accidents. They had also issued warnings to remove the bright headlights and install the prescribed bulbs of correct brightness before July 1.

As motorists did not heed to the warning, the Police, who conducted drives from July 1 to 7 in city and district have registered 381 cases in city and 91 cases in the district.

Also, 60 cases were registered in Mandya, 105 cases in Hassan, 193 cases in Kodagu and 269 cases were registered against motorists in Chamarajanagar. Bengaluru stands on top with 3,354 cases.

In all, from July 1 to 7, a total of 8,244 cases have been registered in the State, ADGP Alok Kumar has stated.

MP reviews ongoing rail infrastructure projects

Interacts with passengers on amenities; discusses expansion plan with officers

Mysuru, July 9 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing Railway infrastructural developments.

He met Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Mysuru Division Shilpi Agarwal and other officials, who briefed him on various significant projects, including the Mysuru yard expansion.

The DRM provided an overview of the expansion plans and the progress of the Mysuru yard, highlighting key milestones achieved and forthcoming stages of development. The briefing emphasised the strategic importance of these expansions in enhancing the operational efficiency and capacity of the Mysuru Railway network.

Following the briefing, the MP and senior officials visited Mysuru Railway Station and Mysuru Rail Museum. The visit included a thorough inspection of the station's amenities and passenger facilities.

Yaduveer assessed the current infrastructure, including platforms, washroom facilities, waiting areas and various passenger services such as the booking office, escalators and circulating area, ensuring they meet the standards and expectations of the travelling public, thus making their travel an enjoyable experience.

Mysuru Railway Station is undergoing significant improvements aimed at providing better services and facilities to passengers. The DRM highlighted recent upgrades, including the installation of new amenities, as well as enhanced security measures with CCTV installations and baggage scanners.

These efforts are part of a broader initiative to modernise the Railway Station and make it more accessible and convenient for passengers. Yaduveer also interacted with passengers, understood their grievances and instructed the officials to take immediate action.

Infrastructure and services

The MP expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the projects and appreciated the efforts of the Railway officials in enhancing the infrastructure and services. He underscored the importance of the timely completion of the projects to ensure that the benefits reach the people at the earliest.

Yaduveer highlighted that his ancestors have always been inspirational in preserving the heritage identity of Mysuru City and expressed his desire for Mysuru Railway Station to be developed as a model railway station within Indian Railways.

He assured all assistance towards the development of robust Railway infrastructure, aimed at fostering economic growth, tourism and improving the quality of life.

"The connectivity from Mysuru Railway Station to all major cities in India needs to be planned and the introduction of new trains from Mysuru Station has been discussed. This will be taken up with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister of State V. Somanna and made a reality soon," said Yaduveer.

The MP also said, "I want to reiterate my commitment towards the development of Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency. I have already called DISHA meetings in the respective districts and will ensure better development works in the Constituency."

Yaduveer thanks KR segment voters

Mysuru, July 9 (SPN&DM)- With the City's K.R. Assembly segment giving a solid lead in the recently held 2024 LS polls, Mysuru-Kodagu BJP MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar went on a whirlwind drive across the Constituency yesterday to thank the voters for their support.

Yaduveer embarked on his thanksgiving drive by offering floral tributes to the Statue of Kanakadasa near Ganesh Bhandar at Thonachikoppal. He later offered Puja at Raghavendraswamy Temple on Navilu road and at Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Kuvempunagar.

Yaduveer then addressed the gathering and thanked the voters for their overwhelming support.

He later visited Vivekananda Circle, BEML Arch and Chennagiri Koppal and thanked voters.

Addressing the gathering, Yaduveer said that he would soon open his Office in CADA Office premises adjoining the Palace and hear public grievances twice a week.

This apart, he has also planned to open offices at Hunsur and Periyapatna to address local issues.

Pointing out that the people of Mysuru and Kodagu voted him overwhelmingly with a victory margin of over 1.39 lakh votes, he said the K.R. Constituency alone gave him a solid lead of 54,000 votes.

Asserting that he would air their problems, Yaduveer assured that he would continue the good works of the previous MP and at the same time also give priority for new projects and plans for Mysuru city and for the entire Constituency.

K.R. Constituency MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that prior to the elections, people were apprehensive that a royal family member would not be accessible to the common man. But Yaduveer has burst this myth by mingling with the people and has now come to thank the voters for their support.

Stating that he would appeal the Government for more funds to K.R. Constituency, Srivatsa asserted that he would work towards ensuring maximum number of BJP Corporators in the forthcoming MCC polls.

Former Mayor Shivakumar, Mandal President Raghu Urs, former Corporators J.S. Jagadish, Ramesh, Champaka, Geetashri Yoganand, Cable Ramesh, Shankar and Jagadish, leaders Jogi Manju, Santosh, Rakesh Gowda, Rajesh, Jayashankar, Nishanth, Hemanth, Girish, Satish, Manjunath and others were present.

1,000 cusecs of water released from Harangi Dam

Kushalnagar, July 9 (PS&DM)- Following heavy rains over the past one week across Kodagu district, the Harangi Dam near Kushalnagar is receiving a good inflow of water, resulting in a steady increase in water-level of the dam. With rising water-level, the authorities released 1,000 cusecs of water from the Dam as a precautionary measure to prevent flooding.

On Monday, Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda visited the Dam and received inputs from the Dam authorities on the Dam's water storage, the monsoon forecast, inflow, outflow and other vital statistics. He later directed the officials to take necessary steps for meeting any possible floods.

The MLA also opened the power driven four crest gates of the Dam by performing Puja.

Kushalnagar Planning Authority Chairman Pramod Muthappa, Member Kiran Kumar, leaders

Shivashankar, Harish, T.P. Hamid, Panduranga, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Supervisor K.K. Raghupathi, Harangi Executive Engineer I.K. Puttaswamy, Junior Engineer Siddaraju and others were present.

With heavy rains lashing Harangi catchment areas such as Madikeri, Gaalibeedu, Vanachalu, Kaloor, Soorlabbi etc., the Hattihole and Madapura Hole tributary rivers are witnessing a steady increase in water level and are flowing full.

Meanwhile, the Harangi Dam officials have asked people living along Harangi River basin to move to safer places along with their belongings and cattle, as a precautionary measure.

The maximum level of Harangi Dam is 2,859 ft. and currently the water level stands at 2848.76 ft. The Dam recorded an inflow of 2,394 cusecs on Monday and subsequently, 1,000 cusecs of water was released.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Modi the PM who walks on the razor's edge -1

A book on Modi as a Leader tells it all

A leader must have vision and passion and not be afraid of any problem. Instead, he should know how to defeat it. Most importantly, he must work with integrity."

— APJ Abdul Kalam, Scientist and former President of India.

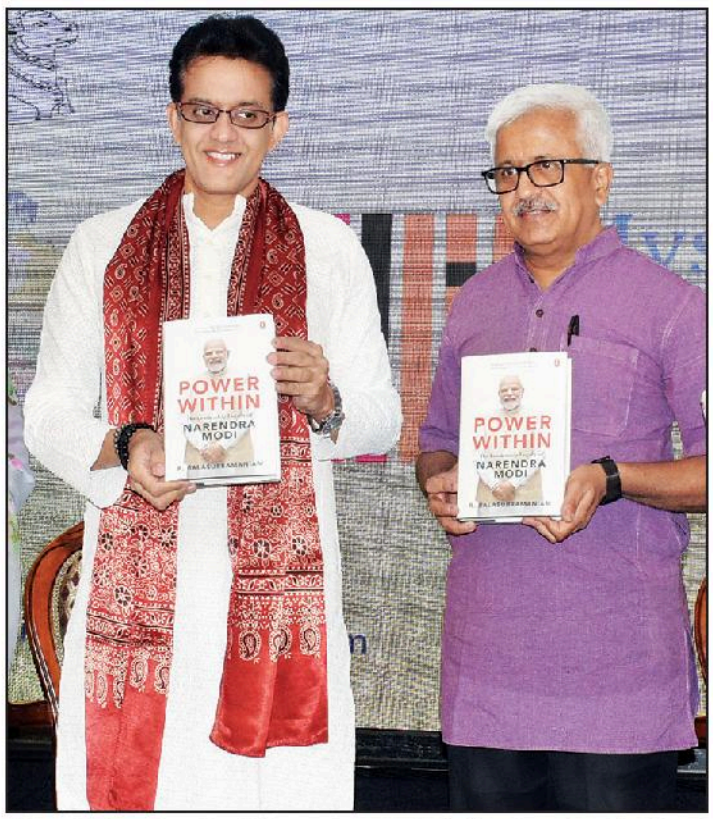
The two-day Mysuru Literature Festival-2024 excellently curated by its Director Shubha Sanjay Urs turned its last page last Sunday for a grand finale. Book worms and theatre buffs, who had gathered in good strength, experienced a variety of programmes related to arts and literature — from releasing of new books to panel discussions where distinguished artistes, intellectuals and authors participated.

Mysuru being a Royal City with its iconic Mysore Palace, reputed to be the second most photographed tourist attraction after Taj Mahal, it was only appropriate the **Raj Mata of the Wadiyar dynasty Pramoda Devi Wadiyar** should inaugurate this important cultural event, Mysuru Literature Festival-2024.

Her presence certainly enhanced the prestige of the event and her brief inaugural address no less. Her demeanour on such occasions has always been regal sans ostentation. Her speech this time showed her as a person of humility being true to herself. Yes, the high moral precept is: Above all be true to yourself.

While introducing her, she was eulogised as global ambassador of Mysuru Culture etc. After inaugurating the Festival she, in her speech, gently clarified that she played no such role. However, her patronage of such cultural activities is well-known and is in the tradition of the Wadiyar dynasty for centuries past.

The following day I rushed to the venue to be a witness to a book release event which interested me much for two



Noted Historian Dr. Vikram Sampath** (left) **releasing the book 'Power Within - The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi' authored by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam during the 8th edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2024 at Hotel Southern Star in city.

reasons. First, the book was on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ***"Power Within"*** with a sub-title, ***"The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi"*** by **Dr. R. Balasubramaniam,** the well-known good Samaritan of H.D. Kote tribals and the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and now a Member of human resources at the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Government of India. The book was released by **Dr. Vikram Sampath,** the well-known Right-wing Historian as against the Left-wing!

The second reason was the 12 to 1 pm panel discussion with Dr. Vikram Sampath moderated by former NIE Principal Prof. G.L. Shekar on the subject ***'Ancient history and contemporary consequences'.*** He also spoke of his latest book '*Waiting for Shiva*'.

However, for now, I shall write about the book ***"Power Within".*** I have read the book turning pages at roller-coaster speed. It is not a biography of Modi but all about his Leadership, political leadership. I found the book beautiful and was full of anticipation about its contents. First few pages were read leisurely as I consider them as the road map to guide me through the maze ahead. I was attracted to three pages of "Advance Praise of the book primarily intended to market the book."

As the first person to praise the book was Bill Gates, should I say more and should I mention other names? Others were all distinguished persons, including one Meenakshi, Jenu Kuruba Tribal and Woman Entrepreneur. **After the 2024 Parliamentary election it is inevitable that one should allude to our Constitution if the subject is connected to Modi as in the case of this book.** I wonder if I should call him the Prime Minister of India or Prime Minister of Bharat.

This dilemma in my mind arose after perusing 'The Constitution of India' book, reprint 2024 by Prakash Books India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. The preamble to the Constitution begins thus: *"We, the people of India....."*. But the Part-I Article1 says: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." Do we need another amendment to the preamble or to the Article1? This was the cause for my wonderment as to how I should call my Prime Minister and which one will be Constitutionally correct!!

To me this book, ***'Power Within',*** is a mystery as it tries to project a dual personality in Modi — a Prime Minister with **power within** and **power without.** I guess the power within is divine or spiritual power and the power without is temporal or State power. And if we look at Narendra Modi's *"Poorvashram"* life as a helper to his father, a tea shop owner, as a RSS Pracharak, as one who became a wandering Spiritual Seeker visiting Hermitages and Ashrams, including Ramakrishna Ashram in Kolkata and Rajkot, it is clear that deep within Modi there is a Saint in meditation.

Swami Atmasthanandaji, who later became the Supreme head of Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission, refusing to give Sanyas *deeksha* to Modi, asked him, as by premonition, to pursue the *Rajadharma* and not *Rishidharma*. So it was. Today we have this Modi as our Prime Minister! It is not surprising therefore, today even as Prime Minister we see him going away to religious places like Badrinath, Kedarnath, Ayodhya, Kashi and Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari for prayers and meditation. This while other leaders go abroad for holidays.

Following his journey from youth to this present, I liken him to the Philosopher-King of Roman Empire Marcus Aurelius. Modi is a Marcus Aurelius of India, nay Bharat. That resonates with our ancient culture rather vigorously after 2014 giving Hindus in India a true national identity.

[To be continued tomorrow]

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Talk on 'Formation of Karnataka State'

Prof. Rajendra Chenni

Mysuru, July 9- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on Formation of Karnataka State by Prof. Rajendra Chenni, former Professor of English, Kuvempu University, at 10.30 am on July 14 at KalpaKshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru. [Mob: 9449819536]

Prof. Rajendra Chenni is presently the Director, Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies, Shivamogga. He is a bilingual writer with nineteen works in Kannada and eight in English. His contribution to literacy criticism and cultural criticism has been recognised with several honours including Lifetime Achievement Award (Karnataka State SahityaAkademi), D.R. Bendre National Award, Prof. G.S. Shivarudrappa Award, V.M. Inamdar Award and B.H. Shridhar Award.

He has actively participated in the people's movements in Karnataka. He has published a novel in English and two collections of short stories in Kannada. His recent work 'State Matters: Unification of Karnataka and Kannada Sub Nationalism' has been published by Manipal Universal Press, Manipal.

He will be speaking about the bringing together of Kannada speaking areas from Mysore State, Madras Presidency, Uttara Karnataka, Hyderabad Karnataka and others to form the State of Karnataka in 1956. The talk is open to all.

Free workshop on Montessori Teacher Training

Mysuru, July 9- The Rastriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi, Mysuru Branch, had organised a free workshop on Montessori Teacher Training, Nursery Teacher Training and Diploma Nursery Teacher Training course.

The workshop will be held on July 17 at 10.30 am in the premises of Jayalakshimadevi PU College, Ramakrishnanagar and expert trainers will give lectures on child development, early child education, nutrition, pre-school training and computer training.

Those in the age group of 18 to 55, have passed SSLC, PUC, ITI, Diploma or Graduation, may make use of this workshop.

For details and registration, contact Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442, according to a press release from the Rastriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi, Mysuru Branch.

MUDA files go... missing !

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Only pages with positive recommendations regarding site allotment have been retained.

Files can move between 18 locations

Typically, as per procedure, files pertaining to site allotment move from the record rooms to various sections. The files could move anywhere between 18 locations.

The file movement can be between the site section, all eight zonal offices, the offices of the Special Tahsildar, the technical section, the office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, the Secretary's Office, the establishment section, the MUDA Commissioner's Secretary's Office, the city planning division, the accounts section, the legal cell and even the official residence of the Commissioner.

The staff assigned to search for these documents have expressed their complete helplessness before the committee in tracking numerous documents that could indict leaders and officers, sources added.

Files not returned, some from Commissioner's residence

The files in the MUDA record room are safeguarded by superintendents, caseworkers and the respective heads of each section, with separate registers maintained to trace the arrival and departure of the files at each step.

Even at the entrance of the record rooms, there is a logbook to prevent unauthorised entry. Those officers who enter the room must write their names, time of entry and time of exit in the logbook. Additionally, the record rooms are equipped with CCTV cameras for continuous surveillance.

However, according to the information in the registers, many crucial documents are missing in the sections where they are received after the signatures of the authorities.

Files summoned by the Commissioner through his Secretary are available. However, there is no information on some files sent to the Commissioner's official residence, as they have not been returned to the MUDA Office.

There is also a system of numbering files when they are summoned by a higher officer through orders issued orally or in writing. Despite this practice, certain files are missing, raising eyebrows.

Seeing the crucial files missing, the inquiry committee members have held officers accountable for their gross negligence.

MUDA meeting postponed; public services take a hit

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BCT)- As the investigation into MUDA scams is underway and files are being examined by the inquiry committee, all public service sections have been shut and no applications are being accepted.

Services like khata registration, transfer, e-khata, lease-cum-sale deeds, official land records site plans, completion reports, title deeds, common meetings, decisions on tenders and the implementation of new projects are not being conducted or authorised, following a clear directive from the Government to halt such services. Even the MUDA meeting scheduled for July 12 has been postponed.

As a result, the usually bustling MUDA corridors, filled with the public, officers, elected representatives, touts and agents, now wear a deserted look. Only a few officers in the accounts department are present, continuing the process of tax payment. No other activities are taking place.

Chief Minister's name in MUDA scam: MP Yaduveer seeks CBI probe

Mysuru, July 9 (KS) - As the name of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is being heard in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam, it is right to hand handover the probe to the CBI, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

Reacting to MUDA scam on Monday, Yaduveer said that as the issue was a serious one and there is a need for a thorough probe and added that as the name of CM Siddaramaiah is heard in the scam, the case should be handed over to the CBI.

"A meeting on the development of Kodagu has already been held. DISHA meeting was supposed to be held in Mysuru but the new Deputy Commissioner (DC) has asked for some time. I have held progress review meetings pertaining to Railway projects. A meeting regarding expansion of the runway of Mysore Airport at Mandakalli will be held on Wednesday (tomorrow) and I will try hard to bring development projects at the earliest," the MP said.

Just like the Office at CADA in Mysuru, an Office will be opened in Madikeri so that public can meet him and his personal assistant, Yaduveer said and added that the people of Mysuru and Kodagu have many expectations and he would work hard to fulfil the same.

ADGP Alok Kumar on inspection spree

ADGP (Training, Traffic & Road Safety) Alok Kumar, who is on a city visit to inspect the newly installed AI-based cameras, visited the V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station this morning. Also seen in the picture are DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa and V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava.

City Police re-launch foot patrolling

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Foot patrolling instils a level of fear and deterrence among criminals targeting lone walkers at night. These foot patrols will be conducted regularly to protect pedestrians and riders from mugging and other attacks, DCP Muthuraj said.

Seeing the jurisdictional Policemen on foot, residents appreciated the initiative, hoping for a higher degree of security. In many cases, residents offered food and water to the patrolling Policemen, fostering a sense of bonding between the men in uniform and the residents.

This system will help prevent robberies, thefts, petty crimes, and chain-snatching.

Residents noted that foot patrolling needs to be regular, especially in areas with higher residential presence, which tend to attract more criminals due to the higher mobility of the vulnerable population on the roads, especially women and the elderly.

14 active dengue cases in Mysuru: DHO

Mysuru, July 9 (PM&BS)- District Health Officer (DHO) Dr.P.C. Kumaraswamy has said, a total of 496 dengue cases have been reported in the district, from January until now, with 14 active cases under treatment with low mortality rate, as reported till Monday (July 8) afternoon.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Kumaraswamy said, when compared to previous years, the testing has been increased by 34 percent, hence the mortality rate is less.

Those infected by dengue are also recovering within two to three days, he added.

About the death of 32-year-old Lalitha, an employee of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Mysuru, which is suspected to be due to dengue, Dr. Kumaraswamy said, the exact reason behind her death can be ascertained only after completing the process of death auditing. She was also suffering from many other health ailments, added DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy,

New Criminal Laws for transparent, speedy justice: ADGP Alok Kumar

ADGP Training, Traffic and Road Safety Alok Kumar addressing a special seminar in city yesterday. Picture right shows senior Police officers and others.

Mysuru, July 9 (MK&BS)- Additional Director General Of Police (ADGP), Training, Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar has asserted that, the new criminal laws are brought into effect, with the sole intent of delivering speedy justice, with transparency and responsibility in law.

ADGP Alok Kumar was addressing a special seminar on 'New Criminal Laws — Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshi Adhiniyam (BSA), organised by JSS Medical College in association with Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru, yesterday.

With more emphasis on incorporating technology during investigation, the new criminal laws, aim to catapult India as a super power. The previous laws dated back to the time of British rule, but with the introduction of new laws, First Information Report (FIR) will be filed under BNS doing away with IPC that was in use earlier, setting the tone to bring effective changes in the realm of criminal laws, added ADGP Alok Kumar.

New laws for speedy trial

"We have heard how people had to drag their feet, experiencing enduring moments waiting for justice for decades that remained a mirage for 10 years to 20 years. In some cases, the complainants died even before the case was disposed of. Henceforth, such moments of agony will be a passé, with the specific instructions on completing the legal process under BNSS in a time bound manner. The charge sheet should be submitted to the Court within 60 days against the earlier 90 days time frame. The judgment should be pronounced within 45 days of the trial and the complainants should be apprised of the stage of investigation of the case," explained Alok Kumar.

The new laws are replete with modern system, under which, zero FIRs can be filed, besides lodging the complains online, issuing summons through electronic modes like SMS among other ways and video evidences related to heinous crimes have been made mandatory. Under the concept of zero FIR, the complaint should be registered under Cognisable case and inquiry be conducted, and FIR be filed only on the merit of severity of the case.

Capital punishment for rape

Child trafficking including selling and buying the infants is considered as a serious crime. Take for example, the racket related to aborting foetuses, that was unearthed in Mandya recently, is also a heinous crime. While in the cases of gang rape involving minor victims, there is a provision to award capital punishment or life sentence to the convict. A new chapter pertaining to crimes against women and children are also included in the new Criminal Laws.

The statement of rape survivors shall be recorded by Women Police Officers in the presence of either her parents or relatives. The medical report in such cases should be prepared within seven days of the incident. To ensure transparency, the statement should be recorded both in audio and video formats.

Record statement within three days

If a person files online complaint, he or she should appear in person at the Police Station within three days i.e.,72 hours and to record the statement. Or else, the complaint will be considered as a false complaint and won't be entertained.

The maximum of 10 years imprisonment will be awarded in the proven cases of cheating on the pretext of marriage. While the victims of Cyber Crime, should file a complaint first by dialling the toll-free 1930 number and lodge the complaint at the Station, to prevent the amount lost in online fraud from reaching the hands of perpetrators.

Principal of JSS Medical College Dr.H. Basavana Gowdappa was the chief guest of the seminar. DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. B. Boralingaiah, Director of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru, M.S. Geetha Prasanna, KPA Mysuru Deputy Director S.L. Chennabasavanna, Director of Kalaburagi KPA Kishore Babu, Administrative Officer of JSS Medical College, S.R. Satish Chandra, Vice-Principal Dr.M.N. Suma, Dr. Praveen Kulkarni and Head of Forensic Science Department Dr. H.V. Chandrakanth were present. KPA Legal Advisor Dr. Guruswamy also spoke.

Wear helmet for safety

Two-wheeler riders should compulsorily wear helmet for their own safety. Even if the Police fail to take notice, cameras installed on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway will be keeping a tab round the clock. Similarly, cameras have been installed all over the city. It is essential to wear helmet, to save oneself from life threatening injuries during accident. In the case of rash and dangerous driving, the punitive action including imposition of fine is also possible. The three new Criminal Laws were essential in the interest of future of young denizens of the country. The changes in law have been made to provide justice to victims on time. Keeping in pace with the technology, provisions have been made under new laws to maintain transparency and share the information related to investigation with the complainants.

— Alok Kumar, ADGP

First Ashada Friday on July 12

Senior Officers take stock of preparations

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and other officers inspecting the arrangements atop Chamundi Hill.

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BCT)- With the first auspicious Ashada Friday pooja set to take place at Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on July 12, the District Administration has made all necessary arrangements for devotees to have a hassle-free darshan of the presiding deity.

Thousands of devotees from city and beyond are expected to participate in the Ashada Friday rituals in the month of July. This year, the Ashada Fridays fall on July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, with the Chamundeshwari Vardhanti being held on July 27.

On July 7, senior officers from District Administration and City Police, including DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Additional DC P. Shivaraj, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Law & Order) M. Muthuraj and DCP (Crime & Traffic) S. Jahnavi, visited the Hill shrine to oversee the arrangements.

In their earlier roles in Mysuru, Lakshmikanth Reddy served as MCC Commissioner and Seema Latkar was SP. Both have experience handling Dasara crowds and security. They instructed their staff on measures to ensure devotees are not inconvenienced and that the events proceed incident-free.

They later met with the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple management committee members and executive officers to provide instructions on crowd control, queue management, and facilities for devotees, including drinking water and toilets.

Ban on vehicle entry

There is a ban on the entry of all types of vehicles to the Hill on all Ashada Fridays and *Vardhanti.* Vehicle parking arrangements have been made near Lalitha Mahal Helipad for the benefit of devotees, who are required to take free KSRTC buses to reach the hill.

The parking ground can accommodate 2,000 two-wheelers and about 1,000 four-wheelers and other passenger vehicles. Additionally, display of flex banners, boards and other publicity materials is prohibited and there will be no special passes issued.

Lucky escape for passengers as car hits road divider

Mysuru, July 9 (MK&KS)- Three persons had a miraculous escape when the car they were travelling crashed into a road divider yesterday night.

The incident took place on Bogadi-Gaddige Main Road (near Harsha Bar) in Bogadi 2nd Stage at about 10 pm last night. As a result of the impact, the front portion of the Hyundai car (KA-01-MB-1284) has been completely damaged.

Meanwhile, local residents told *Star of Mysore* that the road divider has been constructed in an unscientific manner that too close to the curve on the road making it difficult for motorists especially car and other heavy motor vehicles drivers to take a turn resulting in at least one accident in a week.

The residents further alleged that Traffic Police come whenever an accident takes place, conduct spot mahazar and go away but have not taken any steps to get the road divider removed or set it right.

MUDA officials accountable for lapses, says H.V. Rajeev

'Members only frame policies while officials execute, so action must be taken against officials'

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan today in city as (from left) former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, former Corporator Shivanna and City Congress President R. Murthy look on.

Mysuru, July 9 (BLU&DM)- Even as the MUDA scam has hit national headlines for gross irregularities in the allocation of alternative sites under the 50:50 ratio plan, involving thousands of crores of rupees, Congress leader and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has asserted that MUDA members only frame policies while MUDA officials and staff execute them.

Addressing a press meet at Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station this morning, Rajeev, who served as the MUDA Chairman for over two years during the previous BJP Government, said that MUDA passes resolutions on matters only in the presence of MUDA members, which include MLAs, MLCs and top MUDA officials.

"MUDA will pass suitable resolutions after reviewing previous judgments from the Supreme Court, High Court and other Courts of law on matters discussed in the meetings. However, MUDA Members are not involved in the implementation of resolutions or policies. As such, the officials and staff should be held accountable for any lapses, irregularities or wrongdoings in the execution of these resolutions or breaches of policy regulations," he maintained.

When asked about the alleged irregularities in the allocation of alternative sites to the wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Rajeev said he knows nothing about the matter and hence cannot comment.

Regarding the mention of his name by the previous Deputy Commissioner in his report to the Government on the alleged scam, Rajeev said that DC, as an official member of MUDA, was present at the meetings and should have raised questions or pointed out lapses if any at that time.

Maintaining that he does not know why his name has figured in the DC's report, he said that now that Government has ordered a probe, everything will be unearthed soon with the submission of the report.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sahitya Poovaiah**, residing at # 314, Cherala Srimanagala Village, Chettalli Post, Kodagu-571247, Karnataka State, India solemnly affirm & state on oath that, I have changed my name from **Sahitya Poovalah to Sahitya Poovalah Voterira** on my own free will vide affidavit sworn in before **Notary C.R. Seetharam on 11/06/2024.**

Sd/- Sahitya Poovaiah Voterira

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Parvathi S Rao, wife of late B.N. Subbarao, aged 73 years and residing at No.133, 3rd Cross, LIC Colony Srirampura II[nd] Stage, Mysuru have changed my name from PARVATI SUBBA RAO to PARVATHI S RAO vide affidavit sworn before Notary public K.V. Vasu at Mysuru on 18.04.2024

MLC Vishwanath trashes claims; says MUDA favoured CM's wife

'CM's wife was allotted 13 sites in Vijayanagar though there were 800 vacant sites at Devanur'

Mysuru, July 9 (BLU&DM)- Rubbishing the Congress leaders' claims that he is a 'costly' beneficiary of MUDA's largesse in the allotment of alternative sites, which has turned into a huge scam involving thousands of crores of rupees, MLC A.H. Vishwanath dismissed the allegations made by Congress MLA K. Harishgowda, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman K. Marigowda and other Congress leaders.

He clarified that his wife was allotted an alternative site because the original site in Devanur had a hugely uneven surface and a canal passing beside it.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan this morning, Vishwanath strongly rebutted the Congress leaders' claims, stating that his wife Shantamma was legally sanctioned a 40'x60' site in Devanur Third Stage.

However, due to the Varuna Canal passing beside the site, making it uneven and unfit for building a house, his wife applied to MUDA for an alternative site. Subsequently, she was allotted an alternative site in Devanur Layout itself and not in any prime location as alleged by Congress leaders, he clarified.

Vishwanath asserted that MUDA had acted differently in the case of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathi, who has reportedly been allotted as many as 13 alternative sites in the prime locality of Vijayanagar. He questioned why the CM's wife was shown undue favour?

MLC A.H. Vishwanath

Contending that there are as many as 800 vacant sites in Devanur, Vishwanath argued that MUDA could have allotted alternative sites to the CM's wife there. He questioned why the Authority did not do so?

He pointed out that generally, only two sites are allotted for owners of notified land and a couple more in the case of land conversion. However, this was not the case with CM's wife Parvathi, who was allotted 13 sites in the prime locality of Vijayanagar, which was a glaring irregularity on the part of MUDA.

Lashing out at MLA Harishgowda and MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda for making baseless allegations against him at a press meet yesterday, Vishwanath argued that there cannot be different laws for his wife and the wife of the CM.

He charged the CM and other Congress leaders with trying hard to defend themselves and save their skin by pinning the blame on the previous BJP Government.

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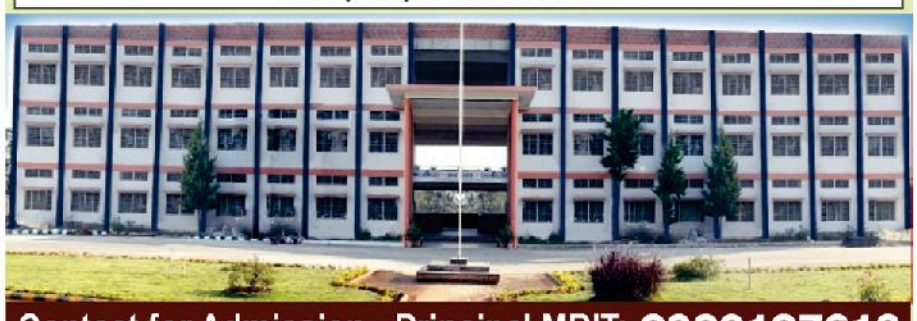

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WORD OF THE DAY

Dicker

Pronunciation: DIK-er (Verb).
Meaning: To dicker is to talk or argue with someone about the conditions of a purchase, agreement or contract.
Origin: The origins of the verb dicker likely lie in an older dicker, the noun referring to a quantity of ten animal hides or skins. The idea is that verb arose from the bartering of, and haggling over, animal hides on the American frontier. The noun dicker comes from decuria, the Latin word for a bundle of ten hides, and ultimately from the Latin word decem, meaning "ten." The word entered Middle English as dyker and by 14th century had evolved to dicker.
Example: "They haggled and dickered and bargained through a good number of dealerships." —Terry Woster, Tri-State Neighbor (Sioux Falls, South Dakota), 7 Dec. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Autophile

A person who loves solitude, being alone

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Ring Fencing

Meaning: You use the expression 'Ring Fencing' to indicate the obligation of a person or organization to use or restrict funds for a particular purpose.
Origin: The term 'ring fencing' has been used since the 1980s to refer to monetary transactions. Before that the term was used to discuss ring-shaped fences used to contain farm animals.
Example: "We're ring fencing the city council to ensure they allocate the funds they promised for the new city park."

QUOTE BOX

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage. **—Lao Tzu**

RIDDLE THIS

I'm not a blanket, yet I cover the ground; a crystal from heaven that doesn't make a sound. What am I?

Answer: Snowflake.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Long time
4 Primary Flight Display
7 Experiment rooms
11 Conclude
12 `Were' in the present tense
13 Ladies' fingers
14 Feels great joy or takes great delight in
17 Oman's currency
18 Appraisal
20 Ant
22 Part of the foot
23 Pedal digit
24 Supporting actress ___ Lagoo
27 Heart of Darkness author Joseph ___
31 They are not the ones to give up!
33 Supermodel Campbell
34 Genetic letters
35 Piece of work
37 Cravat
39 One of the Union Territories
42 Lure or entice
43 __ __ lead to Rome (3,5)
46 Hideous giant
47 Debtor's letters
48 Crazy person
49 A lack or want of
50 Natl. Stock Exchg.
51 Nursery item

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	Y	S	T	■	A	H	E	M	■	B	B	C
R	O	T	H	■	D	A	D	O	■	H	A	O
O	G	E	E	■	S	L	A	N	D	E	R	S
C	A	P	R	I	■	■	M	A	U	L	■	■
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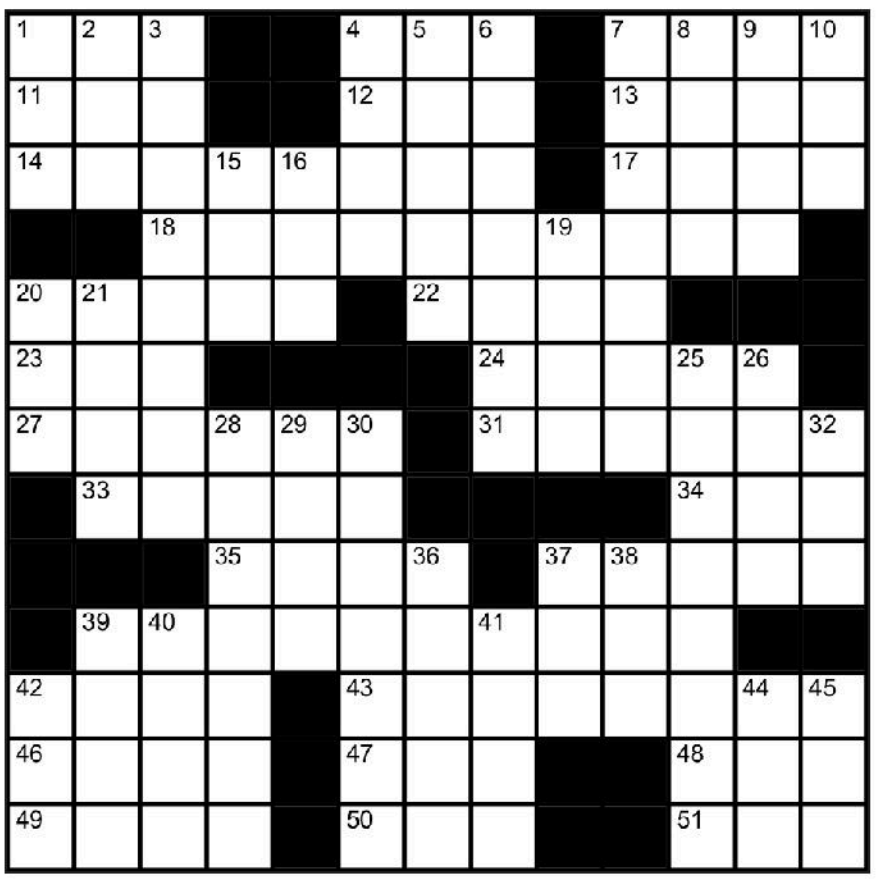
F	O	O	L	■	E	X	O	■	C	R	A	N
R	O	T	■	■	R	E	A	C	H	I	N	G
O	T	H	E	R	■	S	K	U	A	■	■	■
■	■	A	L	O	T	■	■	E	N	E	M	Y
D	A	R	K	N	E	S	S	■	N	I	L	E
V	I	I	■	D	A	R	A	■	E	R	I	N
I	D	O	■	O	M	I	T	■	L	E	I	S

DOWN
1 Ever, poetically curtailed
2 Single unit
3 Capital of Chad
4 Tempo
5 Recently made
6 Dinner course
7 Legendary siren
8 Similar
9 Unruly child
10 ___ Mineo : New York born actor?
15 Sugar suffix ?
16 Suffix with social or tour
19 Jan van der ____ : famous Dutch artist?
20 And so on abbr.
21 Earth's satellite
25 Wholesale trader
26 A river of italy
28 Went round
29 Zeenat of Bollywood
30 Contempt or arrogance
32 Remained quiet
36 Some measures
37 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
38 Standing Room Only, abbr.
39 Zoo enclosure
40 Lease or rent
41 Sticky paste
42 Good for Guillaume
44 Batman and Robin, for one?
45 Barnyard shelter



SUDOKU

6			9					
3		8			2			
	9			3		5	7	
			7				8	
	2	7				9	6	
	1				9			
	6	3		2			5	
			4			2		8
					7			6

Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	9	4	2	5	6	3	1
5	6	1	8	7	3	4	2	9
3	4	2	9	1	6	5	8	7
6	1	4	3	5	2	7	9	8
2	3	7	6	8	9	1	5	4
9	8	5	1	4	7	2	6	3
4	9	8	5	6	1	3	7	2
7	5	3	2	9	4	8	1	6
1	2	6	7	3	8	9	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

A LGWR GDPGEQ HLCBMLH HLR GUHACKQ CO FRK

HLR ZRQH AKHRXSXRHRXQ CO HLRAX HLCBMLHQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Run to meet the future or it's going to run you down.

MOVIE LOVERS

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Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-1)	1 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	4.05 pm; (S-3) 11.45 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Kill (H)	(S-2)	7.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	11 am
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	(S-4)	4.40 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Love Li (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Kaagada (K)	(S-1)	4 pm
Big Ben (Ma)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
Kunddala Puranam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	2.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4 pm, 7.25 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-2)	6 pm
	(S-3)	1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 1.45 pm, 3.20 pm 5.30 pm, 9.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	9.55 am, 1.40 pm, 6 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	2.30 pm, 10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	10.45 am, 2.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-2D)	:	9.45 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 12 noon, 8.15 pm
Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream (K)	:	10.45 am
Kill (H)	:	12.55 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story (H)	:	1.40 pm
A Quiet Place - Day One (E)	:	5.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	5.25 pm
Gaganachari (Ma)	:	7.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Kill (H)	:	10 am, 7.55 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	10.40 am, 3 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	12.25 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	11 am, 2.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-2D)	:	4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.25 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	3 pm, 10.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	10.45 am, 6.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	11.15 am, 6.45 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-2D)	:	2.30 pm, 10 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 3.20 pm 8 pm, 10.15 pm
Kill (H)	:	12.55 pm, 5.35 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	9.55 am
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	10.55 am, 2.40 pm 6.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	11.15 am, 6.45 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	3 pm, 10.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Ma)	:	10.20 pm
Despicable me 4 (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.20 pm, 5 pm, 7.15 pm
Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream (K)	:	1.40 pm
Kill (H)	:	2.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Jigar (K)	:	4.35 pm
Maharaja (Ta)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 9)

- **Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** 'Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, Mysuru, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sree Kalanikethana School Art:** Mandala Art Expo by Foundation and BVA students, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 4 pm.** [Mob: 9972005778 or 97429-18181]
- **Sahara Handicraft and Handloom Association:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo, Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind old DC's office, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Bhavasara Kshatriya Sri Chamundeshwari Seva Samiti, Kuvempunagar:** Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Puja Mahotsava, presentation of Pratibha Puraskar to SSLC and PUC meritorious students, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, former Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Bhavasara Kshatriya Mandali-Mysuru President Shivajirao Rampoore, Vittala Rukmini Convention Hall President Jayaram Rao Lalige and Bhavasara Kshatriya Sri Chamundeshwari Seva Samiti President B.T. Manjunath Bakare chief guests, Temple premises, Kuvempunagar **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 10)

- **Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Plumbing & Sanitary Labour's Welfare Union, Mysuru:** Cleaning of Chamundi Hill steps as part of birth anniversary of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Ashada Month, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Millet Man of India Dr. Khadar Valli Dudekula and Writer Bannur K. Raju will launch the cleaning programme, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 am.**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 82nd Jayantyotsava and 20th Brahmotsava Programme, Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Temple premises, **9 am.**
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- **Noopura Kalaavidaru, Samskrutika Trust and Kannada and Culture Department:** 'Mysuru Nrutya Guru Paramparaa' — A three-day Dance Festival, *Mysuru Baani Bharatanatyam* performance by disciples of Vidushi Vidya Ravishankar of Bengaluru in memory of *Padma Bhushan* Dr. K. Venkatalakshmamma, accompanied by Vidushis Vidya Ravishankar and Sindhu Acharya on Natuvanga, Vidushi Bharati Venugopal on vocal, Vidwan R. Dasappa on mridanga and Vidwan M.R. Srikanth on violin, **6 pm;** *Pandanallur* style dance performance by Vidushi Dr. Kripa Phadke in memory of Natyacharya K. Muralidhar Rao, accompanied by her daughter Vidushi Pooja Sugama, Vidushi Sameeksha on vocal, Vidwan Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vidwan P. Samruddha on flute, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.15 pm.**
- **Bhavasara Kshatriya Sri Chamundeshwari Seva Samiti, Kuvempunagar:** Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Puja Mahotsava, Anna Santharpane, **12 noon;** Rendition of devaranama and devotional songs by P. Yashoda Satyaranayana Sulakhe and troupe of Swaranjali Music School, Temple premises, Kuvempunagar **6 pm.**

Ashada Masa puja, programmes at city Shankar Mutt

Mysuru, July 9- Special pujas and programmes have been organised at Shankara Mutt in Fort Mohalla here on all the four Fridays of Ashada Masa starting from July 12.

July 12: Sankalpa for special pujas & abhisheka at 8 am; Sri Kuberalakshmi Homa - Homa Sankalpa at 8.30 am & Homa Pooranhuti at 11.30 am; Mahapuja, Mahamangalarathi and distribution of Thirtha-Prasadam at 12.30 noon; 'Gajalakshmi Alankara' and vocal music by Vidushi Keerthana & Prarthana and party at 6.30 pm.

July 19: Sankalpa for special puja & abhisheka at 8 am; Saraswathi Homa - Homa Sankalpa at 8.30 am & Homa Poornahuthi at 11.30 am; Mahapuja, Mahamangalarati and distribution of Thirtha-Prasadam at 12.30 noon; 'Sri Saraswathi Alankara' (Veena Sharadha) and vocal music by Vidushi Anagha and party at 6.30 pm.

July 26: Sankalpa for special puja and abhisheka at 8 am; Sri Durga Homa - Homa Sankalpa at 8.30 am & Homa Poornahuti at 11.30 am; Mahapuja, Mahamangalarati and distribution of Thirtha-Prasadam at 12 noon; 'Brahmi Alankara' (Hamsavahini) & violin duet by Vidu. Sumukh Chandra & Rupanagudi Ratna Teja and party at 6.30 pm.

Aug. 2: Sankalpa for special puja, Abhisheka at 8 am; Chandi Homa - Homa Sankalpa at 8.30 am & Homa Poornahuti at 11.30 am; Mahapuja, Mahamangalarati, distribution of Thirtha-Prasadam at 12 noon; 'Sri Rajarajeshwari Alankara' and vocal music by Vid. Manmohan Krishnan and party at 6.30 pm.

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Congratulations once again, Dr. Safdar Hussain !
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